

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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At page 1, line 24 thereof, please delete the section heading "Description of the
Invention" and insert the following new section heading and new paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A2 The present invention relates, in general, to cosmetic preparations, and more particularly, to formulations which have high ethanol content and which contain special chitosan salts.--

At page 2, line 20 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 14, between lines 1 and 2, please add the following new paragraph:

--What is claimed is:--.

On a separate, new page 15, following page 14, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A3 Cosmetic preparations containing large amounts of ethanol, for example, from 70 to 90% by weight, and from 0.01 to 5% by weight of a neutralization product of a chitosan and an acid selected from lactic acid, pyrrolidone carboxylic acid, nicotinic acid, hydroxyisobutyric acid, hydroxyisovaleric acid and/or mixtures thereof, are disclosed.--

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 8-27, as follows:

--8. (New) A cosmetic preparation comprising:

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- (a) ethanol in an amount of from 70 to 90% by weight; and
 - (b) a neutralization product of a chitosan and an acid selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, pyrrolidone carboxylic acid, nicotinic acid, hydroxyisobutyric acid, hydroxyisovaleric acid and mixtures thereof, wherein the